

P-3 Orion 05/08/17

Aircraft:

P-3 Orion - WFF ([See full schedule](#))

Flight Number:

Science Flight #37-Southeast Glaciers 01 (High Priority)

Payload Configuration:

OIB Arctic

Nav Data Collected:

No

Total Flight Time:

8 hours

Submitted by:

Cate Easmunt on 05/08/17

Flight Segments:

From:	BGSF	To:	BGSF
Start:	05/08/17 10:15 Z	Finish:	05/08/17 18:17 Z
Flight Time:	8 hours		
Log Number:	17P006	PI:	Nathan Kurtz
Funding Source:	Bruce Tagg - NASA - SMD - ESD Airborne Science Program		
Purpose of Flight:	Science		

Flight Hour Summary:

	17P006
Flight Hours Approved in SOFRS	333.6
Total Used	332
Total Remaining	1.6

17P006 Flight Reports

Date	Flt #	Purpose of Flight	Duration	Running Total	Hours Remaining	Miles Flown
02/24/17	Airworthiness Test Flight	Check	1	1	332.6	
02/26/17	Project Test Flight #1	Check	4.9	5.9	327.7	
02/27/17	Project Test Flight #2	Check	3	8.9	324.7	
03/07/17	Transit Flight	Transit	8.2	17.1	316.5	
03/09/17	Science Flight #1 - North Pole Transect	Science	8	25.1	308.5	
03/10/17	Science Flight #2 - Laxon Line	Science	8.5	33.6	300	
03/11/17 - 03/12/17	Science Flight #3 - Chukchi West Line	Science	8	41.6	292	
03/12/17 - 03/13/17	Science Flight #4 - North Beaufort Loop Line	Science	8.1	49.7	283.9	
03/14/17 - 03/15/17	Science Flight #5 - East Beaufort Loop Line	Science	8	57.7	275.9	
03/20/17	Science Flight #6 - Sea Ice South Basin Transect (to Thule)	Science	8.1	65.8	267.8	
03/22/17	Science Flight #7 - North Flux 02	Science	7.9	73.7	259.9	
03/23/17	Science Flight #8 - Zig Zag West Line	Science	7.9	81.6	252	
03/24/17	Science Flight #9 - CryoVEx Line	Science	5.8	87.4	246.2	
03/27/17	Science Flight #10 - Northwest Coastal A Line	Science	7.4	94.8	238.8	
03/28/17	Science Flight #11 - North Central Cap 01 Line	Science	7.6	102.4	231.2	
03/29/17	Science Flight #12 - Ellesemere Island 01 Line	Science	7.6	110	223.6	

03/30/17	Science Flight #13 - Ellesemere South Line	Science	7.9	117.9	215.7
03/31/17	Science Flight #14- Alexander-Petermann Line	Science	6.5	124.4	209.2
04/03/17	Science Flight #15- Zachariae 79N Fram Straight and BGTL ENSB Transit	Science	7.4	131.8	201.8
04/05/17	Science Flight #16 - Svalbard North Line (High Priority)	Science	7	138.8	194.8
04/06/17	Science Flight #17- Svalbard South Mission (High Priority)	Science	8.5	147.3	186.3
04/07/17	Science Flight #18- Combined Zig Zag East Mission and Transit ENSB to BGTL	Science	8.3	155.6	178
04/10/17	Science Flight #19- North Central Gap 3	Science	7.8	163.4	170.2
04/11/17	Science Flight #20- CryoVex 2 (High Priority)	Science	7.8	171.2	162.4
04/12/17	Science Flight #21-Northwest Coastal C	Science	7.2	178.4	155.2
04/13/17	Science Flight #22-North Glaciers 02 Prime (High Priority)	Science	8.2	186.6	147
04/14/17	Science Flight #23-IceSat-2 North/CryoSat-2 SARIn	Science	7	193.6	140
04/17/17	Science Flight #24-Humboldt 01(High Priority)	Science	7.8	201.4	132.2
04/19/17	Science Flight #25-Sea Ice - South Canada Basin (MediumPriority)	Science	7.8	209.2	124.4
04/20/17	Transit Flight to Kangerlussuaq	Transit	3	212.2	121.4
04/21/17	Science Flight #26-Southeast Coastal	Science	8	220.2	113.4
04/22/17	Science Flight #27-Helheim-Kangerd	Science	7.8	228	105.6
04/24/17	Science Flight #28-Geikie 01 (High Priority)	Science	8	236	97.6
04/26/17	Science Flight #29-Devon-Bylot (Medium Priority)	Science	7.9	243.9	89.7
04/28/17	Science Flight #30-Penny 01 (Medium Priority)	Science	6	249.9	83.7
04/29/17	Science Flight #31-Thomas - Jakobshavn 01	Science	8.4	258.3	75.3
05/01/17	Science Flight #32-Thomas - Jakobshavn-Eqip-Store	Science	8.4	266.7	66.9
05/02/17	Science Flight #33-Thomas - ICESat-2 Central	Science	7.9	274.6	59
05/03/17	Science Flight #34-Thomas - Southwest Coastal A	Science	8.3	282.9	50.7
05/05/17	Science Flight #35-Helheim-Kangerdlugssuaq Gap B (High Priority)	Science	8.2	291.1	42.5
05/06/17	Science Flight #36-Helheim-K-EGIG-Summit	Science	8	299.1	34.5
05/08/17	Science Flight #37-Southeast Glaciers 01 (High Priority)	Science	8	307.1	26.5
05/10/17	Science Flight #38-Umanaq B (High Priority)	Science	8	315.1	18.5
05/11/17	Science Flight #39-ICESat-2 South (High Priority)	Science	8.1	323.2	10.4
05/12/17	Science Flight #40-Nuuk Fjords	Science	1.8	325	8.6

05/13/17	Transit Flight to Dover DE (to clear customs)	Transit	6.4	331.4	2.2
05/13/17	Transit Flight to Wallops Flight Facility	Transit	0.6	332	1.6

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Related Science Report:

OIB - P-3 Orion 05/08/17 Science Report

Mission:

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Mission Summary:

Mission: Southeast Glaciers 01 (priority: high; last flown: 2015)

This mission is a near-repeat of the 2012/2013/2014 Southeast Glaciers mission. Its primary purpose is to continue dh/dt monitoring of 10 glaciers in the southeast which have been flown since 2008, and two additional glaciers in the south near the Pursortoq peninsula first flown in 2012. We also occupy an ICESat line between the southernmost glacier and Kangerlussuaq, and an east-west master grid line between the northernmost glacier and Kangerlussuaq. We overfly four PROMICE sites near Kangerlussuaq. For 2015, we added new lines on the Ikertivaq-N and Ikertivaq-NN channels of Ikertivaq Glacier, since the original line was not optimally placed. The original line is nevertheless retained here for dh/dt continuity purposes. This had been a baseline OIB flight, but was demoted in 2016 because of its unsuitability to be flown from high altitude during the melt season campaigns.

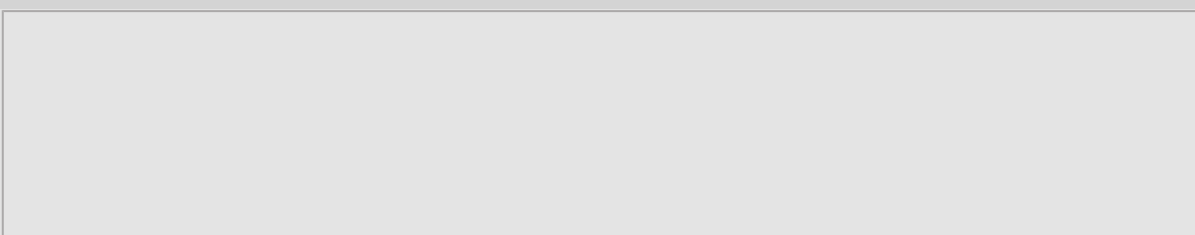
A mostly overcast Greenland with a gap in the southeast and light winds favored this challenging mission. Early networking troubles between the navigation system and the pilot's yoke-mounted tablets were quickly overcome by John Sonntag. The forecast was as predicted, and we experienced mostly clear skies all along the coast and minor turbulence only when meeting the fronts of a couple of steep glaciers, including Ikertivaq-NN. All instruments performed well and ATM reported 100% data collection. High cross-winds near Kangerlussuaq precluded a ramp pass today and offered us the jolt that we'd originally expected on the glacier runs. Some loose pieces of equipment were tossed around but we all continued unharmed on a smooth landing.

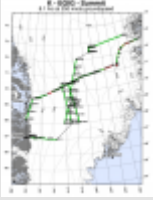
Attached images:

1. Map of today's mission
2. DMS image of the calving front of Gyldenlove glacier (Eric Fraim / NASA)
3. P-3 shadow while flying over an iceberg (Joe MacGregor / NASA)
4. The combination steep icefall and calving front at Ikertivaq North-North (Joe MacGregor / NASA)
5. A maze of castle-like seracs near the calving front of Pursortoq (John Sonntag / NASA)

Images:

Map of today's mission





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DMS image of the calving front of Gyldenlove glacier



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The combination steep icefall and calving front at Ikertivaq North-



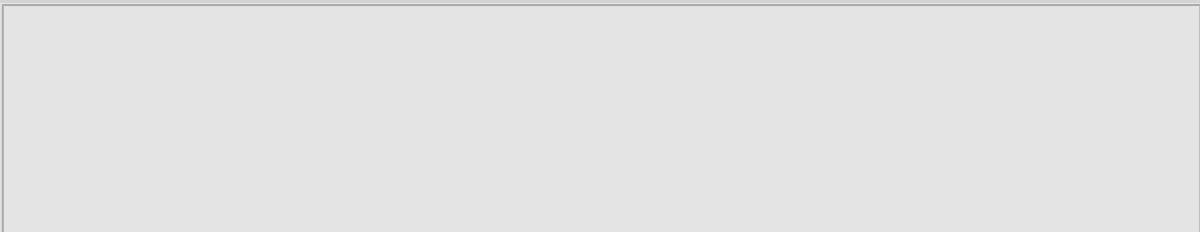
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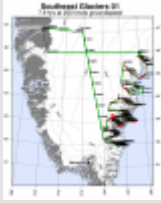
A maze of castle-like seracs near the calving front of Pursortoq



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CORRECT map of today's mission





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